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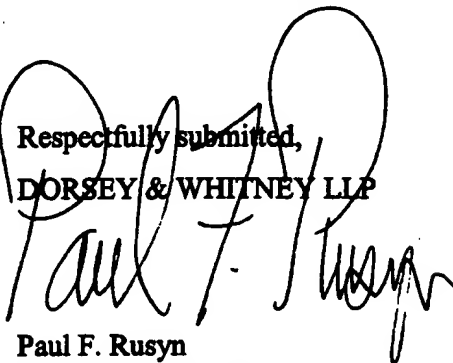
Sir:

While the undersigned agrees with the Examiner's comments regarding reasons for allowance, the undersigned would like to point out that each claim includes a combination of elements and it is the recited combination that is not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art.

While the combinations of elements recited in the allowed claims are allowable, the undersigned would like to point out that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicant may elect to pursue

such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention, through a continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Due to the previous payment of the issue fee and subsequent granting of the Petition to Withdrawal, no issue fee is due. Please apply the previously submitted \$1300 issue fee payment of December 10, 2002 to the above-referenced patent application. Please note that the Issue Fee Transmittal dated March 6, 2003 indicates that Applicant owes \$20 towards the issue fee payment. On December 10, 2002, Applicant paid \$1300 for the issue fee payment, so no fee is due at this time.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/652,842	08/31/2000	Vishnu K. Agarwal	98-0616.05	501082-06 4065

**TITLE OF INVENTION:** DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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